



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

October 15, 2005

Dear Licensed or Certified Child Care Provider:

Effective November 1, 2005, the basic daily rates for licensed/certified centers and family home child care providers will increase. The increase is due to a legislative allocation for a rate increase. The special needs and **in-home/relative** rates will not change.

Also effective November 1, 2005, the Infant Bonus is no longer available to licensed/certified centers and family home child care providers. The funds supporting the Infant Bonus have been depleted. Providers will still be eligible for the Infant Bonus if an infant attends at least 5 days by October 31, 2005.

Attached are the new DSHS maximum child care subsidy rate charts. You will not see an increase on your Social Service Notices for all children November 1, 2005. Whenever workers are creating or editing authorizations they will compare your rate to the new DSHS maximum rate and authorize whichever is less. Please do not call and request the new rates. All rates should be reviewed and updated by April 30, 2006.

Please continue to review your Social Service Notices and Invoices for correct information. If you feel the information is incorrect (such as the rate is too high or too low), please contact the local child care authorizing office.

Thank you for providing licensed child care for the children in Washington State. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Lind at (360) 725-4691. Or visit our **website** at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/esa/dccel/>.

Sincerely,

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